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Mr. Michael Berkoff Remedial Project Manager U.S. EPA Region 5 - Superfund Division Remedial Response Section #2 77 West Jackson Blvd. - Mail Code S-6J Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re:

EPA Testing in Calumet Neighborhood

East Chicago, Indiana

Dear Mr. Berkoff,

Pursuant to your phone call this morning, you have advised the Department of Redevelopment, who is acting on behalf of the City of East Chicago, to cease all construction activities in the West Calumet Neighborhood until the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) releases the Department of Redevelopment to continue revitalization efforts in that neighborhood. The West Calumet Neighborhood plan encompasses Chicago Avenue to Kennedy Avenue to 151st Street to Private/Canal Street.

The Department of Redevelopment currently has obtained the services of Mr. Eugene Goldfarb, MUP, JD, AICP of Great Lakes Environmental Planning to assist with Environmental matters throughout the City and will also be assisting with this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me by phone at 219-397-9974 ext. 30.

Sincerely,

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT

John D. Artis

Executive Director